



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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JULY 18, 2005

CORN BENEFITS FROM ABOVE AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Crops have once again been impacted during the week with high humidity and above average temperatures. The harvest of winter wheat has been stalled by the weather, with reports that there has been difficulty planting additional crops after the wheat. Due to precipitation around the state, farmers are experiencing difficulty with planting of second-crop soybeans. The tasseling of field corn is showing great progress with 76 percent complete, putting it well above the 5-year average. There were **4.4 days suitable for field work**.

Fruits are in mostly good condition. **Apples** were rated 1 percent poor, 10 percent fair, 84 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. **Peaches** were rated 7 percent fair, 89 percent good, and 4 percent excellent.

Pastures are in generally good condition with 1 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 74 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** are 16 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 17 percent excellent.

DELAWARE’S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 17, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Barley	99	98	100	99
Cantaloups	19	5	10	7
Cucumbers	26	15	26	24
Peaches	14	4	24	18
Potatoes	9	3	10	15
Snap Beans	21	10	41	33
Sweet Corn	19	7	19	18
Tomatoes	10	2	8	6
Watermelon	20	5	17	10
Wheat	80	40	100	91
Crop Progress:				
Corn Silked	76	26	90	56
Soybeans Blooming	15	3	19	12
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 2 nd Cutting	83	77	97	84
Other Hay 2 nd Cuttting	55	50	79	71

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 17, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	5	68	27
Topsoil (2004)	2	19	53	26
Five Year Average	15	15	56	14
Subsoil Moisture	-	-	83	17
Subsoil (2004)	1	35	58	6
Five Year Average	13	24	55	8

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 17, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	3.94	27.38	5.34	92	64	79	3
Easton	0.88	27.22	3.17	93	63	80	3
Frederick	3.06	25.48	3.58	94	62	79	6
Frostburg	1.18	24.27	-2.19	84	57	72	5
Hagerstown	1.95	17.16	-4.04	92	65	79	4
Mechanicsville	0.04	24.32	-0.44	89	65	79	3
Patuxent River	0.43	23.32	0.99	90	68	80	6
Ocean City	0.13	29.54	5.61	90	64	79	4
Salisbury	0.37	31.65	7.70	90	60	79	3
Sharpsburg	0.76	19.76	-2.14	92	59	78	6
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.66	25.77	5.39	91	70	82	2
Delaware							
Dover	0.48	28.09	4.41	90	66	79	2
Georgetown	2.52	27.21	4.07	93	64	80	5
Wilmington	1.51	23.65	1.16	92	63	79	3

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.